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Sir:

I, Neil A. Katz, a citizen of the United States, residing in Parkland, Florida, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I was employed by International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) of Armonk, New York, at the time the above-identified application was conceived. I make this declaration in support the above-identified application.

2. IBM invests substantial time and effort into the research, development, and marketing of their products, and in an effort to protect its rights in all new inventions, IBM requests that all employees prepare and submit confidential Invention Disclosure Forms upon conception by the inventor(s).

3. As a named co-inventor for this invention, I and my co-inventors prepared and submitted the attached Invention Disclosure No. BOC8-2003-0053 pursuant to the IBM guidelines.

4. IBM Confidential Invention Disclosure BOC8-2003-0053 was originally submitted for consideration to an IBM Attorney/Patent Professional for preparation of a patent application on March 25, 2003, and insubstantially modified on April 3, 2003. The content of the disclosure has not been subsequently modified. The disclosure represents a fully conceived and workable invention as written. I reviewed the claims of the above-mentioned patent application prior to submission of the application to assure the claimed invention was fully

